

## **Would you encourage the CMI to play a role in Maritime arbitration?**

Yes, subject to the considerations below.

### **2. If the answer to point 1 is affirmative, to which extent would you consider the CMI should engage itself in this field?**

We suggest that CMI should engage itself to the extent described in para. 1) of the areas to be explored by the working group.

### **3. Would you support the three above areas of investigation or only some of them?**

We would support para. 1), but not para. 3). As to para. 2), we agree, but suggest that a different angle is added to the proposed inquiry (see our reply to question 4 below).

### **4. Formulate any other suggestions for examination by the working group.**

As regards the inquiry referred to in para. 2) (*“An inquiry as to whether arbitration is a valid option to resolve Maritime disputes in countries where national court system is not technically satisfactory”*), we suggest that the working group should also look into the question as to whether arbitration is a valid or better option to resolve maritime disputes irrespective of the quality of the national court system, where the competence and/or knowledge of maritime law is limited or scattered between several courts.

In addition, we suggest that the working group should look into how regional arbitration institutes (acting alongside the more recognized arbitration centers, such as London/Singapore) could work closer together with CMI and the maritime industry to ensure that regional/local competence to handle the specificities of maritime arbitration is maintained and/or developed.